Grants Pardons and Closes State Offices for Two Days.

SITUATION IS VERY QUIET

Offices to Reopen on Monday. Some to go Home, But Most Employes Will Remain Here.

Governor Montague vesterday issued at Governor Montague yesterday issued an order closing all the State offices at the Capitol and Library buildings Christmas day and to-morrow as well, so as to give the State officers and employes as much holiday as possible. Indeed, all the offices were practically closed at noon on yesterday, and will not be reopened until the usual hour on Monday.

Most of the officers will spend their holidays here, though some of them and their employes will go out of the city for a few days.

They were all in good spirits yesterday, nd were preparing to remember their tends and loved ones with Christmas

Sifis.

His Excollency also granted a number of conditional pardons, which will bring Christmas joy to many hearts and homes in differens sections of the State. They were all conditional and were recommended by the State Board of Pardons.

PARDONS GRANTED.

The list in full is as follows:

John Washington, convicted at the June term, 1902, of the County Court of Mathews of felonious assault, and senteneed to two years in the penitontiary.

E. P. Williams, convicted at the October term, 1901, of the Hustings Court of Petersburg of housebreaking and larceny, and sonteneed to four years in the penitontiary.

Henry Ramay, convicted at the July

Petersburg of indexented at the penfrentlary.

Henry Ramey, convicted at the July
term, 1902, of the County Court of Russell
of horse stealing, and sentenced to three
years in the penitentiary.

Alexander Bly, convicted at the October term, 1900, of the County Court of
Princess Anne of assault, and sentenced
to six years in the penitentiary.

Isaac Morgan, convicted at the May
term, 1902, of the Corporation Court of
Richmond of housebreaking, and sentenced to three years in the penitentiary.

William Irvine, convicted at the May
term, 1901, of the County Court of Roahoke of murder in the second degree, and
sentenced to five years in the penitentiary.

ary. George, Cumb, convicted at the January rm, 1901, of the County Court Roanoke inurder in the second degree, and sentif nurder in the second degree, and sent-inced to flive years in the penitentiary. In granting the above conditional par-ons the Governor gives as his reasons has following: "All the requirements of he law respecting conditional pardons ave been compiled with in these cases, and upon the recommendation of the loard of Directors the conditional par-ons are granted."

## ENDS LONG SERVICE.

heriff Watts, of Augusta County, Retires to Private Life.

After twenty-five consecutive years as sheriff of the greatest county in the State (in his estimation, certainly, Sheriff Newton C. Watts, of Augusta county, will end his official career with

county, will end his official career with the expiration of his term now nearing rapidly. It is only just to say that he retires voluntarily, after giving such efficient and satisfactory service that he was always returned without opposition or won easily over his opponents.

Mr. Watts has had all the experiences apportaining to the office he holds, even to officiating at hanging. His kindliness of heart has always tempered the sternness of his duty, and he has never shrunk from any legitimate call upon him. With a clean and honorable record behind, he retires to devote himself to his private business interests, which have grown rapidly in recent years. Among other rapidly in recent years. Among other things he is extensively interested in telephone lines, and has done much to make the largest county in the State easily accessible by 'phone in every nook and

Watts has determined to signalize his retirement from the sheriffalty by giving a dinner to the members of the giving a dinner to the members of the bar of the county and to his brother offi-cials of Staunton and Augusta and his friends generally. This will be served at the Palmer House on the night of Decem-ber 31st at 9:30, and promises to be an unusually pleasant affair.

## JUSTICE JOHN, TOO. Fifty Persons Set Free by Him

Yesterday. Deputy Sergeant Ferneyhough, promptive at 12 o'clock yesterday, unlocked the outer doors of the city jail and out into the brisk air of Jail Alley walked fifty eager, happy creatures, who were put hack into freedom by Justice Crutchfield in honor of the season of good will and good cheer.

Some of them left the bars behind with Some of them left the bars behind with grins and amiles, and with farewells floating after them from less fortunate ones; others skipped away like freightened hares before the hunters' dogs, and ran on and on until the gaunt, grim walls were left far behind; some went out slowly as though hesitating between freedom and imprisonment.

They all went their ways, some saying they would never return and others remarking that they expected to be back again soon.

But they were all given the chance to observe the merry season without restraint.

## RAILROAD NEWS.

Among the well known railway officials in the city is General Passenger Agent W. B. Bevill, or the Norfolk and Western Bailway. My. Bevill is here to spend the day of all whe year with relatives. Yesterday, accompanied by Mr. C. H. Bosley, district passenger agent, Mr. Bevill visited the Capitol.

visited the Capitol, Captain C. W. Westbury, district pas-genger agent of the Southern Rallway, accompanied by Mrs. Westbury, has gone to West Point to spend Christmas day

there.

Major C. H. Bosley, district passenger agent of the Norfolk and Western, will spend Christmes day in Baltimore with

spend Christmas day in Baltimore with relatives.

The Southern Railway yesterday operated a regular Santa Claus train. The regular southbound train consisted of ten cars, all loaded down with passengers, mail and express. Two engines were required to haul the heavy, homeward bound throns.

A special meeting of the stockholders of the Seaboard Air Line Railway will be held at the principal offices of the company, No. 67 Sycamore Street, Petersburg, Va., December 2th at noon. The object of the meeting is to amend the by-laws, elect directors and to ratify and approve the acts of the directors, and transact such other business as may come up.

The Chesspeake and Ohio Railway and

the Norfolk and Western and Coast Line all ran heavy trains yesistday in both directions to haul the holiday travel. The travel this year is as heavy or heavier than ever before. Passengers, baggage, mail and express crowd all trains, and all are running slightly late, owing to the delay in loading and unloading express and mail and baggage. Despite the heavy travel no mishap has been reported on any of the roads, and all trains have been run through in safely and as nearly on schedule time as possible under the circumstances.

Mr. E. B. Williamson, traveling auditor of the Seaboard Air Line Railway, has been made general agent of the railway at Wilmington, N. C.

The Executive Committee of the Street Railway Branch of the Young Mon's Christian Association, has invited J. W. Tubbé, secrétary of the Texarkana Street Railway Branch, to assume charge of the work of the association here. The building of the local branch at the Reservoir will be formally occupied about February ist.

## THE GREAT MEETING OF MUNHALL, THE EVANGELIST

Dr. L. W. Munhall, the noted evangelist, will address the great meeting for
men in Central Y. M. C. A. hall Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. This meeting will be the greatest of the year, and
without doubt the greatest Christmas
week meeting ever held by the association.

Dr. Munhall is a powerful speaker,
fearless and courageous. He knows how
to strike straight at sin, and has a
sympathetic message for the sinner. Hun-



DR. L. ... MUNHALL.

dreds will recall his great campaign here last summer, and how that almost a thousand men were in the theatre on a hot Sunday afternoon. Of all the noted speakers to men in the country, he stands in the front rank.

The song service will begin promptly at 3:30. Mr. Victor Menzel, of New York, will play a violin solo. Following the great meeting will be the popular song service in the parlor for those who care

great meeting will be the popular song service in the pathor for those who care to attend. Then will come the usual big conversational Bible class.

There will be no meeting of the Sunday school teachers to-morrow (Saturday) afternoon. This study will resume with Saturday, January 2d.

### CHESTNUT HILL ... AND HIGHLAND PARK

Mr. and Mrs. Wirt Lefew Todd, if Fork Union, Fluvanna county, are the guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Todd, of Walnut Hill. Mr. Willie Buel Huxter, of Charles City county, is spending the Christmas holi-days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs.

county, is spending the Christmas hondays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs.
Wille Huxter.
Master William Catlin, who has been
the guest of his uncle. Mr. Horne, of
tlanever county, has returned home.
Miss Florence Baker, who has been
quite sick for some time, is slowly improving.
The annual Christmas entertainment of
Alizpah Presbyterian Church will be held
next Monday evening in the lecture room
of the church.
Mr. and Mrs. Walker, of Essex county,
have been visiting their daughter, Mrs.

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Miss Emma Justice, of Powhatan county, has been the guest of the Misses Watches.

Mr. and Mrs. Law and son are visiting in Norfolk.
Mr. Payne, who has been spending the winter on the Hill, left last week for St. Paul, Minnesota.
Mr. Smith, of Chestnut Hill, will leave to might to visit relatives at Green Bay. The Young Boys' Society of Highland Fark Methodist Church will entertain Tuesday evening in honor of their triends. Miss Lucia Wills, of Powhatan county, was the guest of Mrs. Vaughan this week. Mr. William Bratley, of Highland Park, who has been quite sick, is improving. Rev. John McCarthy and wife were the guests of friends on the Hill this week.

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CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY RATES VIA ATLANTIC COAST LINE.

Tickets will be sold between all points on this line, account of the Christmas holidays, at rate of one and one-third first-class fares, plus twenty-five cents first-class fares, plus twenty-five cents, for the round trip, minimum rate fifty cents. Tickets on sale to the general public December 23d, 24th, 25th, 30th, 31st, 1903, and January 1st, 1904, that limit January 1st, 1904, to teachers and students of schools and colleges, on presentation and surrender of certificates signated by the superintendents. Presidents of ed by the superintendents, presidents or principals, December 18th to 22d, inclu-sive, with final limit January 8th, 1994. For complete information call on any For complete information call on any agent of the company, or,

C. S. CAMPBELL,

Division Passenger Agent, 838 East Main Street, Richmond, Va. SPECIAL RATES VIA SEABOARD AIR

Account Southern Educational Association, Atlanta, Ga., December 29, 1903, January I, 1904.
On account of the above occasion the Scaboard will sell tickets from all stations on its lines to Atlanta and return at rate of one fare, plus \$2.25, which includes membership foe. Tickets on sale December 28th, final limit January 3, 1904. For tickets and other information, apply to the undersigned.

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## QUIET AT **CAPITOL**

The Employes of the State Scatter to Their Homes for the Holidays.

MANY BILLS TO BE SIGNED

Governor Montague and Secretary Ritchie Were in Their Offices Yesterday.

The Capitol, so recently a scene of ac tivity, was almost deserted yesterday The legislators all had gone to thei homes to spend Christmas with theli oved ones, and of the employes of the General Assembly few remained, First Assistant Clerk T. A. Lynch, of the Sen-ate, will spend the holidays in this city, sistant Clerk Harry C. Mann, of Poters burg, will spend the glad day quietly burs, will spend the glad day querty at his home. He was in the city yesterday with friends, doing some shopping. Sergeant-at-Arms Frank B. Watkins, of Charlotte, left yesterday for his home, to remain until the 28th. Clerk Button will probably spend the holidays here. Nearly all the House employes have gone to their homes, and likewise almost all the out-of-town members. Delegate John M. Lyell has gone to Baltimore, where he will spend the vacation with friends. Librarian William Wilson, of the Sen-

friends.

Librarian William Wilson, of the Senate, was in his place yesterday. He lives in the city, and will spend his holidays quietly at home and at the Capitol.

On the upper floor the Governor and Secretary-Ritchie and Clerk Bigger were in their places, as usual, but the day was not a very busy one. The Secretary of the Commonwealth and his assistants were in their offices. On the other corner Commissioner of Labor James B. Doherty was at his desk working away, as usual, but stopped long enough to tell the reporter that the labor world was quiet for the day.

Next to him Enrolling Clerk Gooch and his assistants were busy preparing bills for the Governor. He will have time to read these over in vacation, and will be prepared to sign them when the President of the Senate has affixed his signature. Many of these bills were ready for Lieutenant-Governor Willary to sign, but by some oversight the Senate adjourned without giving him time to do so. He will sign them when he returns, and little time will have been lost as a result of the omission. Among these bills are many long and important ones.

The officers of the State generally will spend the day at their homes, nearly all these living outside the city having gone already. The Capitol will be a deserted spot to-day save for sightseers.

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peters upon the main staircases.

RECESS FOR DINNER.

The first act, ending at about 7, was followed by a recess for dinner; the performance was resumed at a quarter because of the performance was resumed at a quarter because of the performance was resumed at a quarter because of the performance was resumed at a point half-nest. followed by a recess for dinner, the performance was resumed at a quarter before 0 and concluded at about half-past it. These arrangements, coupled with the total darkening of the house, presented society with the practical problems of "where to dine" and "how to dress," inasmuch as the curtain arose before the hour at which evening dress, according to social canons, is permissible.

Society settled them in a variety of ways. While some used the long intermission to drive home, as a rule dinner was taken at the principal restaurants near-by, tables at which had been reserved for weeks.

All sorts of solutions of the dress problem were to be seen.

Audience Reverential.

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The attitude of the audience, all things considered, was reverential and atten-tive. It is safe to say that most people tive. It is safe to say that most people were impressed. Applause after the first act was successfully bissed down, but after the second, nothing could have controlled it, and the principals were brought repeatedly before the curtain amid boundless enthusiasm.

The cast at all important points was a strong one, three at least of its principals having learned their respective roles under the tutelage of Frau Wagner. Those were Herr Aloisburgstaller," as "Parsifal," Frau Milka Ternina as "Kundry," and Herr Blassas, "Gurnemanz"; Anton Van Rooy was the "Amfortes"; M. Marcel Journet, the "Titurel," and Herr Otto Goritz, the "Kingsor," fortes": M. Marcel Journet, the "Titurel," and Herr Otto Goritz, the "Klingson," the last mentioned making his first American appearance. "Herr Blasas Gurnamanz, the old knight, who takes "Parsifal" to the grail temple thinking him the prophesied "guileless fool," was not altogether satisfactory, Measured praise, too, must go to Herr Goritz for his "Klingsor," was but a mild mannered magician. It was otherwise with Van Rooy's "Amfortas," which is assuredly the best thing he has ever done. He plefured admirably the wounded King of tured admirably the wounded King of Grail. To portray the soy Parsifal as he Grail. To portray the Joy Parsital as he is shown in the first act, a "guileless fool," innocent, pure, simple, but uncouth, almost wild, as well to follow his growth of soul is a great dramatic task, to which Herr Burgstaller proved himself fully equal. His singing, moreover, was most brilliant. High praise must go to Mme. Terninas "Kundry." It go to Mme. Terninas "Rundry." It was difficult to believe that the savage creature of the first act, the seductive temptress of the second, and the penittent woman of the third, could have been embodied by the same artist.

Grand Spectacular Features. To consider the last the spectacular features of "Parsifal" is to do them a gross injustice, since they are of almost paramount interest in their right and were the most brilliant features of Mr. Control of a production. The first scene, that of a forest glade, near Monsalvat, with an exquisite vista of shimmering lake in the background was a masterpiece of scene art. Rocky walls succeed the forcest depths, then subterranean galleries, and finally there bursts into view the magnificent hall of the grall with its visitas, columns and arches and its huge in the kinghts, scated at the great circular it is ken every presented. In the second act there is the vanishing of Kilngsors Casile and the grall with its most of invisible choirs float down from the heights of the dome, is surely the most impressive scene the stage has ever presented. In the second act there is the vanishing of Kilngsors Casile and the grant magniference of the most of invisible choirs float down from the heights of the dome, is surely the most impressive scene the stage has ever presented. In the second act there is the vanishing of Kilngsors Casile and the grant with its rottous troups of houris, designed for the seduction of the grant inlights. This scene both in the To consider the last the spectacular fea-tures of "Parsifal" is to do them a gross

splendor of the stage sets and the rich ness of costuming was a notable advance upon anything ever seen at Baircuth.

THE STORY OF "PARSIFAL." Richard Aldrich Reviews Wag-

Richard Aldrich Reviews Wagner's Music Drama.

Hichard Aldrich, writing in the New York Times of "Parsifal," says:

From the multitudinous details of the story of Parsiral, and Parcoval, and the Knights of the Grail, as handed down to us by Wolfram von Eschenbach and Chretten de Troyes, Wagner has disentangled a few characters, a few incidents, upon which to base his music drama of "Parsifal. Ho has followed the mediaeval conception of the nature and function of the Grail, of the calling and character of its wardens. But there have been infinite changes, suppressions, Elmplifications, broadenings, accentuations of one and another trait. Most of all there has been a great transformation in the spirit and significance of it all. The romantic mediaeval narrative has been turned into a drama of deep ethical import, representing a philosphy. The characters embody types of humanity, and their actions are significant of deeperthings than what goes on in the narratives of the mediaeval story tellers, beautiful as these are.

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Farsifal, in Wagner's drama, is the postnumous son of Gamuret, a knight slain in hattle, and Herzeleide, who brings ilm in pas a simpleton in the woods and moorland wastes, to keep him from 'all knowledge of his knighthood and a fateliko his father's. But one day he sees a cavalcade of men-at-gams on horseback, follows them, and after many wanderings comes to the Castle of the Grail. This, according to Wagner is situated in 'the northern mountains of Gothic Spain.' It was built by Titurel to guard the holy vessel and the sacred spear confided to him by divine messengers. Waxing old, he intrusted their keeping to his son Amortas. On the southern slope of the same mountains, facing Arablan Spain, is the magic castle of Klingsor. An aspirant for membership in the band of unsullied Grail warders, Klingsor is rejetted for his impurity of life, whereupon he devotes himself to the damnable arts of magic seeking to corrupt the knights by the seductions of his magic garden, peopled by alluring maldens, and to gat possession of the Grail. Amfortas, once on an expedition to wipe out this enemy, succumbs to the allurements of "a maid of teartul beauty" in that garden, and, as he lies in her arms, is bereft of the sacred lance by Klingsor, who with it inflicts upon him a woundt that never heals.

This maid is none other than Kundry, a strange being of a two-fold life, sometimes in the thrail of Klingsor's magic, of dazzling beauty; serving as his instrument of evil; sometimes of wild and savage mien, repentantly ministering to the risk in the same her own lips, who mocked the Saviour and was condemned to eternal laughter, deprived of the blessing of tears. Klingsor calls her Nameless Woman, primeval shedevil, Rose of Hell, Herodias once. Gindryggia the Valkyrie once, now Kundry.

The first act shows us a glade in a shadowy forest, surrounding the Grail Castle. Day is dawning, and the old Knight Gurnemang arouses the eaquires, who are sleeping under the trees. Amfortas, the surfering king, is about to be carried to fits bath in the lake hard by Kundry comes upon madly flying horse to bring an Arabian balsam, in the hope of giving him relief. Upon a litter the king is borne in on his way to the bath bewalling his unceasing agony and long. Ing for the "guileless fool through pity emlightened," who is to give him surcease of suffering. He passes on, after acknowledging Kundry's service, and, in a conversation with the young esquires, conversation with the young esquires, conversation with the young esquires, guildince of what they have seen, and establishes the posture of circumstances, upon which the drama is based.

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Gurnemanz's discourse is interrupted by cries of horror from the knilghts and establishes and the seed of the control of the knilghts and esquires. A wide swan has been wounded with an arrow. The chilprit is brought in, listens to Gurnemanz's reproaches, then breaks his bow an throws it & dway. "I know not 'twas wrong," says he. It is Parsifal. Asked who is his father, who his mother, he knows not, As to his own name, he knows only that he once had many, but can remember none now. Something he must know, as Gurnemanz tells him; it is his mother's name, Herzéleide, which he pronounces only to learn from Kundry that she is dead in his absence. He is violently overcome by the tidings, and springs upon her in a rage. Gurnemanz restrains him, and then Kundry, gripped by terror, knowing that her time has come to serve the wicked Klingsor, falls into insensibility and disappears. To refresh the youth, and with an inking that he may be the guile'es fooling expected, Gurnemanz leads him to the castle to partake of the smill have been to the castle to partake of the smill have been to the castle to partake of the smill have a preceived and the scenery gradually moves past them. As Farsifal says;

I scarcely move.

Yet see that far I've gone.

Gurnemanz's explanation is a metaphysical ridde:

They arrive at a mighty hall, lighted from the dome high above. Chimes are heard. There are two long tables spread with cups. The knights enter in a solemn procession, each taking his place at the board. Amfortas is brought in on the litter and laid on a couch in the middle. Boys precede him, bearing the purpledraped shrine of the Holy Grail, while the voice of the sged Titure is heard calling upon his son to do his duty and uncover the sacred vessel, Amfortas breaks out into passionate amentation, bewalling the angular caused him by this ceremonial and beseeching the divine ply. The Grail is uncovered, a blinding tay of ligh

Leave all our swans for the future alone And seek thyself, gander, a goose! In the second act we see the magic laboratory of Klingsor's castle. The wiz and is laying his spell upon the unwilling Kundry, summoning her to the task of seducing Parsifal, who is approaching the castle. Klingsor looks out and sees him laying about him as he comes, disabiling the castle guards and mounting the garden, wall. Change of scene: The whole castle sinks, and rises in its place the magic garden, full of tropical vegetation, lixurious wealth of hidwers; at the back, the wall, upon which stands Parsifal, gazing in astonishment at the scene before him. The damsels appear in haste, as if suddenly disturbed from sleep. They bewall the loss of their lovers, the castle gnards, and call upon the rosy youth to come and play with them. One after another they slip away and return in the fulse of living flowers. Pressing around Parsifal they ply him with blandishments. At first amused, then helf angry, he turns

VAST SUM HEADING FOR RICHMOND POCKETS

FOR MICHMUND POCKETS
Into the pockets of Richmond people will come approximately \$2,000,000 after January 1st. This vast sum is made up of dividends from various enterprises of the city and railroads entering Richmond, much of whose stock is held here.

Many Richmond people have lost money during the past six months owing to the terrible onslaught made upon stocks in which they were largely interested but

to make his escape, when he hears his name called by Kundry's voice:

"Parsifall—tarty."

It is the first time it has been prenounced. Parsifal stops short: "Parsiial." he says, "so once when dreaming my mother called me." Kundry, still invisible, beseches him to stay. Finally she is seen through the branches as a young woman of exquisite beauty, reclining on a flowery couch. She tells him of his mother. Herzeleide; of his own babyhood of her care for him, of her death, rerisital, terribly affected, sinks down at Kundry's feet, overpowered, overwhelmed with self-reproach. The enchantress begins her wiles, tells him that confession is absolution, and bids him find consolation in tove. She bows her head over his and presses hur lips on his in a long kiss.

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Parsifal starts up in intense terror, pressing his hand to his heart as if in agony. He bursts out with an apostrophe to Amfortas: the spear wound, he feels is burning and bleeding in his own heart; love's delirium selzes his senses. Then he sees the image of the Grail, throws himself upon his knees, calls upon the Saviour, the Lord. From Kundry's kiss he has received enlightenment through jity. Such is the significance of this turning point in the drama. Kundry, beseeching and bowildored, asks him:

Was it my kiss

That gave thee this clear and world-wide vision?

All her importunities are in vain, and

That gave thee this clear and world-wide vision?
All her importunities are in vain, and Parsifal bids her begone. In wild frenzy she calls for help. Klingsor appears upon the castle wall with the sacred lance, of which he robbed Amfortas. He hurts it at the youth, but the holy weapon stops, polsed harmlessly above his head. He grasps it, makes the sign of the cross, and Klingsor and all his works disappear, the castle crashing to ruins, the garden withering to a desert, the damsels lying as shriveled flowers upon the ground. Parsifal disappears.

"Again we are in the Grail's domain, amid a. Howery meadow in springlime. It is Good Friday. Years have passed. Gurnemanz, now very old, emerges from a hermit's hut. He seek Kundry, rigid, almost lifeless, in a thicketi, drag her out, restores her strength. She is again the ponitent Grail servant. Now comes Parsifal, emerging from the wood with slow step and bowed head, completely clad in black armor, his helmet closed, his spear lowered. Responding not at all to Gurnemanz's greeting, he lays down his arms and silently prays before them. Gurnemanz recognizes num as the fool whom he dismissed in anger; he recognizes the spear; he presages the comins of the long-hoped-for deliverer. He learns from Parsifal of his many experiences, his ardent desire to find again the Grail and the suffering king. Gurnemanz narrates how Amfortas has refused to perform his office of Grail Warder and exhibit the sacred vessel to the knights, hoping thereby to end his agony with his life. The holy meal is denied to the knights, and "common viands must content them." Their strength has wasted, and no longer is the spiritless, headless band summoned to holy warfare. Titurel, deprived of the Grail's sustaining power, is dead; Gurnemanz himself has hidden in the wood, waiting for his time to come.

Hearing this, Parsifal bursts out into passionate self-reproach, as being the cause of all this wee. Gurnemanz leads him to the edge of a spring, and, after kundry has bathed nis feet, dips water in the hollow of his hand and sprinkles his head. In the meantime Kundry takes a golden flask of ointment from her bosom, anoints Parsifal's feet, and dries them with hely mosture and blees them with hely mosture and leads remarking upon their beauty. It is Good Friday's spell, answers Gurnemanz; tho tears of repentant sinners sprinkle them with hely most of the Grail Knight's armor. The th

Home for Holidays.

Miss Mary Simpson, daughter of Rev. T. McN. Simpson, pastor of the Clay Street Methodist Church, has returned from the Randolph-Macon Woman's College for the holidays, bringing as her guest Miss Helon Jones, of Chicago, Mr. T. McN. Simpson, Jr., of the University of Virginia, is also at home for Christmas. A Special Sermon. At Marshall Street Church Sunday morning Rev. B. H. Melton will preach a special sermon to the Woman's Christian Board of Missions. At the night service he will preach the New Year sermon on "Resolving and Dolng."

CHURCH NOTICES. GROVE AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH Grove Avenue and Beech Street)—Rev. J. B. HAWTHORNE, D. D., pastor.—Preaching at 11 A. M. and 8 P. M. Sunday school at 9:30 A. M.

M.

IRST BAPTIST CRURCH-WORSHIP AT
A. M. and 8 P. M. Dr. COOPER will preach
both services. Hible school at 9:39 A. M.

Irch business meeting Monday night. Naw
Irsh bour of prayer Friday morning at 7:39 o'clock.
GRACE STREET BAPTIST CHURCH (CR)
For Grace and Foushee Streets)—Rev. CHAS.
S. CARDNER, D. L. Dantor.—Sunday school
at 5:30 A. M. Preading by the pastor at 11
A. M. and 8 P. M. Prayer meeting Wednesday
at 8 P. M.

At 8 P. M. METHODIST.

PARK PLACE METHODIST CHURCH
Corner West Frankin and Pine Streets)—Rev.

L. B. BETTY, pastor.—Spridge II A. M. and
P. M. overy Eunday, Sunday school at 1939

A. M. BURY METHODIST CHURCH (LOM-bardy and Hanover)—Rev. BACOMB DEV. pastor.—Proaching II A. M. an. 3 P. M. by pastor.—Sunday school 9:39. Epworth League Tuesday 8 P. M. Prayor meeting Wednessay 8 P. M. PRESENTERIAN. P. M. PRESBYTERIAN.
SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH—REV.

SECOND PRESSITERIAN CHURCH-REY, ILBSELLO ELELLO. U. D. 598107.—Service (A. M. and 4 P. M. by the pastor. Wednesday inguit lecture at 5 o clock. Sunday sens., at 51-10 A M. GRAGE STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH-Rey, LERE WITHERSPOON, D. D. Pastor.—Services at 11 o clock A. M. and 8 P. M. Weithersday night service at a circus. Sunday school at 5.30 A. M. Grace. Sunday school at 5.30 A. OVENANT (CORNER Park Avenue and Harrison Street)—Rey J. CALVIN STEWART, D. D., pastor.—Preaching at 11 A. M. and 8 I. N. by the pastor. Mind at 11 A. M. and 8 I. N. by the pastor. Mind at 11 A. M. and 8 I. N. by the pastor. Mind at 11 A. M. and 8 I. N. by the pastor. Mind at 11 A. M. and 8 I. N. by the pastor. Mind at 11 A. M. and 8 I. N. by the pastor. Mind at 11 A. M. and 8 I. N. by the pastor. Mind at 11 A. M. and 8 I. N. by the pastor. Mind a cordial velocine to all services.

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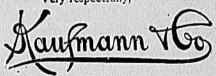
Christmas Greeting to All.

To Our Friends and Patrons: We extend the courtesies of the season. May the prosperity

of the present year be enhanced during the year of 1904, and we assure you that our desire will be to cater to your wants more zealously than heretofore, ever protecting you in style and correctness in prices.

Thanking you for past patronage,

Very respectfully,



## GREAT QUANTITY RAILROAD BRASSES

Found by the Police in the Ruins of the Junk Shop Fire.

Mike Kelly, the junk dealer, was arrested yesterday morning by Detective Hall and Policeman Folkes, on the charge of having stolen fallroad brasses in his possession. He was carried to the First Station, where he was later balled for his appearance in the Police Court this morning, in the sum of \$1,000, by Judge

his appearance in the Police Court this morning, in the sum of \$1,000, by Judge Witt.

Kelly's junk shop, on Twentleth Street, was destroyed by fire Wednesday night. Yesterday morning Captain Shinberger received information that a lot of railiroad brasses were in the ruins. Ho went to headquarters and reported the matter at once, and Detective Hall and Policeman Folkes went to the scene of the fire to investigate.

What they found startled them. There beneath burned lumber and debris of all kinds, incidental to a junk shop fire, they found hundreds of pounds of railroad brasses—some marked Chesapeake and Ohio, some Seaboard Air Line, some Norfolk and Western, some Southern, and various others. Many of the broases were broken into small pleces, but scores of them were still in the original state. They were gathered up and carried in wagons to the First Station, and Mr. Kelly was arrested.

In explanation of the presence of the brasses Mr. Kelly said they had been there for years, and that he had not taken any in for a long time.

The penalty in such cases is imprisonment in the ponitentiary and a heavy fine. The case will be called this morning, but it will probably be continued.

Mr. Kelly is one of the most widely known junk dealers in the city. He has been in business at the same stand for more than a quarter of a century.

DISTINGUISHED NAMES.

Colored People Bearing Them Figure in Chancery Court.

Figure in Chancery Court.
There was a qualification upon a small estate in the Chancery Court yesterday, in which the principals bore distinguished rames. The proceedings were that on motion Queen Victoria, Ford, Richard Washington qualified as administrator of the estate of Cyrus Ford, deceased. The estate was very small, and is valued at \$330

at \$30 The association of the names of the late Queen of England and the great Father of His Country was commented on in the cleric's office as quite a little returning the country was commented to the cleric's office as quite a little returning the country of the country of

Property Transfers.

Richmond: H. A. Caulfield from Charles A. Rose, trustee, 19, 1-2 feet on east side A. Rose, trustee, 58, 1-2 feet south of Clay, partial release.

Clay, partial release from Brown and Allergaret D. Pace from Brown and Aller Property Transfers.

B. R. Eldridge to Emma V. Hicks, five acres on the Williamsburg Turnpike, \$1,000.

Martha C. and Jeseph M. Fourquean to doseph Davis, lots 8 and 11 in square 13, plan of Sydney and Harvie, \$332.
Virginia Trust Company to American Locomotive Company, 70 adress about 2 1-4 miles north or Richmond, \$11,500.

Sarah V. and Ann E. Mosby and J. D. Hosby's administrator to same, all of grantors' interest in land described in deed next above.

Victoria V. and A. F. Mosby to Virginia Passenger and Power Company, part of bloth 1 in the plan of the Plateau, \$75.

John B. Welsh, special commissioner, to Matthew Glimour, 18 lots in the plan of Lisbon, \$1,000.

Education Board. The State Board of Education will meet on December 14th to take up some pre-liminary matters in connection with the selection of text books for the next four

years,
At this meeting the annual report of the Superintendent of Public Instruction will be submitted.

A Useful Gift.

The machinists of the Cardwell Machine to, yesterday presented their fireman, Mr. 3. H. Scott, of No. 2111 East Marshall treet, with a handsome Morris rocking hair, which was greatly appreciated by

FLORIDA AND THE SOUTHLAND ATLANTIC COAST LINE.

ATLANTIC COAST LINE.

The quickest route by one hour and five minutes, traversed by trains superb in every appointment, composed of the highest standard Pullman Sloeping, Drawing-Room, Observation, Library and Dining Cars; cuisine the best the markets afford, served table de hoto, Tickets are now on sale by this line to all principal Winter Tourist Resorts in Georgia, Florida, Cuba, New Providence and the Southwest, at very low rates. For descriptive matter and full information, apply to any agent of the company; or, C.S. CAMPBELL, Division Passenger Agent.

Division Passenger Agent, 838 E. Main St., Richmond, Va.

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SPECIAL LOW RATES TO ATLANTA,
GA., VIA SOUTHERN RAILWAY.
Account of annual meeting Southern
Educational Association, December 20th
to January 1st, the Southern Railway
announces rate of one first class fare
for the round trip, plus \$2.25, including
membership fee. Tickets on sale December 20th; final limit, January 3d. Through
trains faut schedules, excellent service. trains, fast schedules, excellent service. C. W. WESTBURY.

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THE REGULAR ANNUAL MEETING OF the Stochholders of the PLANTERS NA-TIONAL BANK of Richmond, Va., will be held on TUESDAY, January 12, 1944, at u. M., o'clock in the bank building. RICHARD H. SMITH, Cashler.

The Savings Sank of Richmond. THE REGULAR ANNUAL MEETING OF THE REGULAR ANNUAL MEETING OF the stockholders of this Bank will be held at the Banking House THURSDAY, JAN-UARY 14, 1904, at 4 o'clock P. M. JAS. M. BALL, Cashler, 1

Virginia Passenger and Power Company,
Petersburg, Va., Deo, B. 1999.
THE REGULAR ANNUAL MEETING OF
the Stockholders of the VIRGINIA FASSISNOER AND POWER COMPANY with be led
sorth Stranger Street Petersburg, Va., on
MONDAY, January 4, 1994, at 12 octoor
noon, for the purpose of electing directors and
for the transaction of such other business as
may properly come before the meeting,
WM. NORTHROP, Assistan, Secretary.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STOCK-bolders of the MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK of Richmond, Va. will be held at their Banking House TUESDAY, January 12, 1904, at 12 o clock M. F. GLENN, Cashier.

Richmond Passenger and Power Company,
THE REGULAR ANNUAL MEETING OF
the Stockholders of the RICHMOND PASSENGER AND DOWER TO THE COMPANY
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Guarantee Building, Loan and Trust Co., Richmond, Va., Dec. M., 1833.
FHE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STOUK.
holders of this Company will be held at the office, No. 5 North Tenth Street, TLESDAY,
January 12th, 1894, at 1420 of

Union Bank of Richmond,
Richmond, Va., Dec. 28, 1993.
THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STOCK
holders of the UNION BANK OF RICH
MOND VA., will be held in the First A
tional Bank Building TiUUISDAY, January
14th, 1994, 19 o' clock noon.
J. B. BBASLEY, Cashler.

DISSOLUTION NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE copariarship beretofobe existing between JOHN C. DREWRY and E. F. YOUNG, under the firm name of DREWRY & YOUNG, concerning the business of agents for the State of Virginia of the Mutual Benefit Life Insulance Company of Newark, New Life Insulance Company, New Life Insulance Company, New Life Insulance Company, Insulance C

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eral good, reliable agents to come ! thomselves with the firm of J. C. DREWRY

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TRUCK AND DAIRY FARM, NEAR the city; also nice farm in Carlline county, near Guineys' Station, Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad. Apply to
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Real Estate and Louis,
No. 11 North Eleventh Street

# MEET HERE SOON

Phi Kappa Sigma Fratres From Every Section of the Land Hold Convention.

with great interest to the for nual session of the Grand Chapter of that college organization to be held at the Jefferson January 1st and 2d. 'Delethe Jofferson January 1st and 2. Delegates will be here from the farthest sections of this broad land, from Maine of the North, from California of the West, from Wisconsin of the great Northwest and from sunny Louisiana of the

West, from Wisconsin of the great NorthWest and from sunny Louislana of the
South.

The Grand Chapter will devote itself
to business during the days and to pleas,
ure in the evenings of the stay here.
On Friday evening a banquet at the Jeffereon will be the feature, while a theatre perty at the Bijou will be the attraction of Saturday evening. Doubtless the
Alumni Association of the city will de
themelves pround in their hospitality
to the visitors.

Among the fratres in urbe are Dr.
Stuart McGuire, Dr. Thomas D. Merrick,
Lr. W. Wythe Davis, Dr. Hugh M. Tayler, Dr. Jacob Michaux, Dr. A. G. Brown,
Lr. A. L. Gray, Dr. William J. West, the
Rev. Dr. Strange, the Rev. Bascorn Dey,
Thomas B. McAdams, Evan R. Chestermau, Leroy Grant, Edgar English, Heary
Hotchkiss, Elmore Hotchkiss, Malcolm A.
Coles, George Bidgood, Charles P. Cardwell, William D. Cardwell, Walker Cottrell, Henry K. Ellett, Charles M. Graves,
Clement C. Jones, Robert Marye, Minetree Folkes, N. Thomas Mosby, Franklin
Stearns, William A. Townes, Charles K.
Willis, Newton Vaughan, Leslie Ellis,
Henry Hudnall, Hamner G. Freeman, R.
H. Eroaddus, Gilbert C. White, R. T.
Wilson, John Cary White, John B. Cary,
Dr. Frad, Gechnauer and O. B. White,
Congressman Swanson is a "Ph Kap,
and is expected to be one of the speakers at the banquet.

Richmond College Graduate.

Richmond College Graduate. The recent appointment of Mr. Abram F. Staples to the chair of iaw in Washington and Lee University is gratifying news to many Richmond people. Mr. Staples is a B. A. and B. L. of Richmond College, and is among the many graduates of this institution who are making their way creditably in the world.

Old Citizens Pass Away. (Spylal to The Times-Dispatch.)
WARM SPRINGS, Dec. R.-Mr. WilMin F. Warwick, of Mountain Grove,
died Sunday, in the eighty-second year
of his age.
Mix Andrew Sharp, of Sunrise, died
Sunday at a very rige old sage.